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SUBJECT: UK COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO USSR--IL 1565

REF: PARIS 15884 AND COCOM DOC N(76) 54

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 1, 1977, CONFIRMING THE US DENIAL
ACTION ON THE SUBJECT CASE. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER
FOLLOWS:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS OF JUNE 27, JUNE 30 AND JULY 6
PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU HOPED WOULD PER-
MIT US TO APPROVE THE EXPORT OF U.S. ORIGIN EQUIPMENT -
PDP 11/05 COMPUTER - TO BE INCORPORATED IN AN INSTRON 2440
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TEST SYSTEM FOR THE ISZHORSKY PLANT IN THE USSR. WE HAVE
REVIEWED NOT ONLY THE MATERIAL YOU SENT BUT ALSO ALL OTHER
INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS CASE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE
NOT FOUND A BASIS TO REVERSE OUR ORIGINAL DENIAL
ACTION. OUR REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. WE DID NOT OBJECT TO THE SEPTEMBER 1976 NOTIFICATION

DOCUMENT N 76/54 SINCE THIS IS SIMPLY A NOTIFICATION THAT A BRITISH LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED. WE EXAMINE THE NOTIFICATION DOCUMENT ONLY TO DETERMINE THAT THE EQUIPMENT ON THE END USER. THE APPLICATION FOR RE-EXPORT OF THE U.S. ORIGIN EQUIPMENT WAS SUBMITTED AS A U.S. CASE ON DECEMBER 16, 1976. THE CASE WAS THEN SENT OUT FOR INTERAGENCY REVIEW AND ON THE BASIS OF THE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF THE END USER IT WAS DENIED ON APRIL 27.

2. WE DENIED THE U.S. CASE BECAUSE WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE PLANT IS THE MAJOR PRODUCER OF PARTS AND COMPONENTS FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS. SINCE THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR COMPONENTS CAN BE BOTH FOR CIVIL AND MILITARY APPLICATION, WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT EXPORTS TO THIS END USER WILL BE USED ONLY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CIVIL PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, IT IS OUR BASIC ASSUMPTION THAT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THEIR CIVIL PROGRAM WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ENHANCE THEIR NAVAL PROPULSION CAPABILITIES.

3. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT OF THIS TYPE TO THIS END USER WILL ASSIST THE SOVIETS IN IMPROVING QUALITATIVELY THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR COMPONENTS. TEST EQUIPMENT OF THIS TYPE WOULD PROVIDE QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS IN DETERMINING THE PROPER SELECTION OF MATERIALS AND WELDING PRACTICES WHICH IN TURN LEAD TO COMPETENCE IN THE RELIABILITY OF CONSTRUCTION AND INTEGRITY OF CONTAINMENT
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VESSELS AND OTHER REACTOR PARTS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINING WELDED AREAS.

4. THE USG DID APPROVE EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PLANT IN 1974. HOWEVER, WE DID NOT LEARN OF THE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF THE ISZHORSKY PLANT UNTIL 1974 AND WE HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT NUCLEAR RELATED EXPORTS SINCE THEN.

5. WE ARE ALSO DENYING APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER U.S. FIRMS WISHING TO EXPORT TO THE ISZHORSKY PLANT.

SINCERELY." CHRISTOPHER

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